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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on June 24, 2008, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement. Applicants believe that no fees are due, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any presently required fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0503.

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.